

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Gregorys Laundry And Cleaners Site 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 Augusta Street Greenville, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until April 7, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6322-NRP, will affect approximately 0.7 acres identified by Greenville County tax map numbers 0203000903601 and 0203000903400. A company known as Parker Place II LLC (Parker Place) wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Parker Place.

The Property is bounded generally by residential properties to the northeast; East Faris Road and commercial uses to the southeast; Augusta Street and commercial uses to the southwest; and commercial uses, McPherson Lane, and commercial uses to the northwest. The property was first developed in the late 1940s or early 1950s for commercial use. The Property is currently developed with a one-story multi-tenant retail/commercial building with four units.

Parker Place intends to acquire the property and retain the current businesses. At a future date the property will be redeveloped for commercial retail businesses and multifamily housing. Soil and groundwater at the property has been contaminated with dry cleaning solvents. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Parker Place to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental pollution. Parker Place did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Parker Place responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Parker Place will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Parker Place will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Parker Place will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until April 7, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.